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MEMORANDUM FOR: Security

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When the Third Annual Report of the TSC was discussed at Planning Board on 7 August, Pat Coyne spoke highly of the Committee's work; it was commended by Gordon Gray. Though all recognized that the seriousness of the threat was unabated, people seemed to think that we are making a real effort to meet it.

One matter of possible interest to you came up. David Beckler of the President's Science Advisors staff mentioned that a Scientific Advisory Committee panel (the Baker Panel) had reviewed the TS problem some time ago and said that it should be possible to devise "safe rooms". He went on to say that Bell Telephone Laboratories have devised one, which was tried out in Mexico. Coyne seemed to think that this was already in hand and mentioned our work, but it was not clear whether the Bell Labs were involved in what we are doing or were quite independent. At any rate Coyne promised that he and the committee chairman would consult Baker. Hence I am passing this to you for info.

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